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B. MILGP COLOMBIA 231630Z JUL 76

C. STATE AIRGRAM A-3590

1. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IS PRESSING MILGP FOR ANSWERS TO DEFENSE MINISTER'S 15 JULY QUESTIONS ON USG WILLINGNESS TO DEAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT FOR FMS PURCHASES, AS REPORTED REFTTEL A. WE PRESUME THAT THE COMPLEXITIES OF PL 94-329, AS DESCRIBED IN REF C RECEIVED HERE 27 JULY, ARE MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO RESPOND. UNFORTUNATELY, ACCORDING TO MEMBERS OF THE MINISTER'S STAFF, HE IS INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED AND ANGRY AT FINDING HIMSELF BACKED INTO CORNER BY COMBINATION OF INTERNAL PRESSURES AND LACK OF USG RESPONSIVENESS TO HIS QUERIES. OUR DELAYS MAY BE CREATING A LEGACY OF RESENTMENT WE CAN ILL AFFORD.

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2. WE HERE FEEL THEREFORE THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE TO PROVIDE SAME

RESPONSE TO THE MINISTER, TO KEEP OPEN OUR DIALOGUE WITH HIM ON
THIS AS WELL AS ON OTHER SUBJECTS AFFECTING U.S. INTERESTS. WE
NEED GUIDANCE NOW ON WHAT WE CAN TELL HIM THAT WILL AT LEAST IN-
DICATE AN INTEREST IN HIS PROBLEM.
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